

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

EOFF ET AL.

Serial No.: **10/806,894**

Filed: **MARCH 23, 2004**

Title: **"PERMEABILITY MODIFYING
DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHODS OF
USE"**

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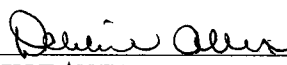
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 3, 2007 (the "Final Office Action"), and the Advisory Action mailed on April 9, 2007 ("the Advisory Action"),

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 8 of this paper.